

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

CARLOS WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

v.

LORI LAWSON, JERI BOE, STATE
OF WASHINGTON, JOHN DOES
ONE THROUGH FIVE, JOHN DOES
SIX THROUGH TEN,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C21-5536 MJP

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
WITHDRAW AND EXTENDING
CERTAIN CASE DEADLINES

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's counsel's Motion to Withdraw (Dkt. No. 11), and three motions Plaintiff files "pro se" (without counsel): (1) Plaintiff's Motion for a Continuance (Dkt. No. 13), (2) Plaintiff's "Errata" Motion which the Court construes as a motion to amend (Dkt. No. 14), and (3) Plaintiff's Motion for Telephonic Hearing (Dkt. No. 15.) Having reviewed the Motions and Defendants' Response (Dkt. No. 17), the Court GRANTS the Motion to Withdraw, DENIES all of Plaintiff's pro se Motions.

1 Plaintiff's counsel seeks to withdraw from representation given an irreconcilable conflict
2 which prevents him from provide effective representation of Plaintiff as required by the
3 Washington Rules of Professional Conduct. Plaintiff himself identifies a conflict of interest that
4 has arisen between him and his counsel. (Dkt. No. 13-1.) Given counsel's identification of an
5 irreconcilable difference with his client, that his client confirms, and the early stage of this case,
6 the Court finds withdrawal appropriate. See Local Rule 83.2 (stating that the court will ordinarily
7 allow withdrawal until sixty days before the discovery cutoff). The Parties have yet to file a joint
8 status report and the Court has set no case deadlines (including any discovery deadline) or trial
9 date. The Court therefore GRANTS the Motion and allows counsel to withdraw. The Court notes
10 that neither Plaintiff nor Defendants opposes this request.

11 Plaintiff's counsel asks the Court to extend the initial deadlines in this case. Specifically,
12 counsel asks for a sixty-day continuance of: (1) the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f)
13 conference; (2) the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1) initial disclosures; and (3) the
14 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) Joint Status Report and Discovery Plan. (See Dkt. No. 11.)
15 Defendants do not oppose this request. The Court GRANTS the sixty-day continuance and
16 hereby sets the following deadlines:

17 (1) The parties must conduct a conference in compliance with Federal Rule of Civil

18 Procedure 26(f) by no later than January 7, 2022;

19 (2) The Parties must exchange initial disclosures as required by Federal Rule of Civil

20 Procedure 26(a)(1) by no later than January 14, 2022; and

21 (3) The Parties must submit their Joint Status Report and Discovery Plan as required by

22 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) by no later than January 24, 2022.
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Dated November 19, 2021.

Marsha J. Pechman
United States Senior District Judge